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*Newsletter of
The Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*

**DICEMBRE 2019
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

Today as we mark the beginning of Advent and our march into the Christmas season, I am reminded of all the blessings of this year. Many times we have come together to celebrate our friendships and our ties to the Italian-American experience. Family and friends are the cornerstone of our lodge and we're thankful for their fellowship and support. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who work tirelessly for us and we can never thank them enough. Sadly, we lost Renee Signorelli in July. Renee was Mistress of Ceremonies and a long time member of the IHL. Renee was a sweetheart and is greatly missed.

In two weeks, we will gather for our annual Christmas Party on December 14th. This year instead of potluck, we will have a catered dinner. Ten dollars for Adults, the buffet will include Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Parmigiana, Sausage and Peppers, Baked Rigatoni, Roasted Vegetables, Salad, Bread and Cannoli. Children (up to 12) are free and will be served Pizza and Baked Rigatoni. Don't forget Dennis' famous Eggnog and the Hot Chocolate bar. Last but not least, an array of holiday sweets and goodies. We're looking forward to a visit from the North Pole's most famous resident. While very busy, he's making time for all good boys and girls. It's important to RSVP for the Christmas Party. Please pay special attention to the newsletter for further information as well as the flyers being sent to your email. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at this very special time of year.

*Best regards,
Dawn*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

December 8	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
December 11	Christmas Lunch Bunch	Noon	Giardino Italian Restaurant 8944 Burke Lake Road Springfield
December 14	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	K of C Hall
December 25	Christmas Day - Feast of the Nativity		
January 1, 2020	NEW YEAR'S DAY		
January 11	White Elephant	Noon-3:00 P.M.	K of C Hall
January 15	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Kings Park Library
February 15	"Carnivale"	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
March 14	Installation of Officers	4:30 P.M.	K of C Hall

*We are pleased to welcome our newest member,
Angelo Saladini, who joined IHL last month.
Angelo has been a guest at a few of our recent events
so you may have already met him, but we will see him
at our Festa di Natale this month.*

Benvenuto Angelo!

Buon Compleanno



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rosalie Ciccotelli	December 2
Rosalind Michaelangelo	December 5
Betsy Mignani	December 6
Frank Bonsiero	December 8
Peter Ognibene	December 9
Palmer DeMeo	December 19
Rupert Harmon	December 19
Angie Taormino	December 24
Chris Spina	December 26

The Election of Lodge Officers for 2020-2021

The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2020-2021 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:

November, 2019 – The President appointed three members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dennis Lillo (Chairman), Eleanor Lillo and John Asiello.

December, 2019 – The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall report the nominations from the Committee. (No nominations can be made from the floor at this meeting.)

January, 2020 – The January Newsletter will carry the results of the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate from the floor at the January lodge meeting.

February, 2020 – Elections are held – no more nominations are permitted except in the case of withdraw.

March, 2020 – The newly elected officers are installed.

*Any lodge members interested in serving on the Italian Heritage Lodge council for this period please notify a member of the Nominating Committee of your desire to serve on the council for the 2020-2021 term . **The office of Financial Secretary will be open in the next term.***

IHL member, Joseph (Sonny) Scafetta Jr., was elected to the Board of Directors of the Abruzzo-Molise Heritage Society (AMHS) on Sunday, November 17, and also was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Columbus Celebration Association (NCCA) on Tuesday, November 19. He will take both offices on January 1, 2020 and serve three-year terms until December 31, 2022. He has been a member of the Order since 1979, a member of the NCCA since 1995, and a member of the AMHS since 2008. He served as State President of the Grand Lodge of Virginia from 1993 to 1995 and previously served on the NCCA Board from 2006 through 2008.

Congratulazioni Giuseppe per questi onori!

The IHL Italian Language Group - Grazie mille to Giuseppe and June La Marca who graciously hosted our November language group. Besides enjoying a delicious dinner, our hosts provided opportunities to discuss our favorite "frasi italiane" and what these meant in our lives, as well as viewing a video series to test our language skills. The food was "fantastico" again! It was great fun and certainly challenged our thinking, comprehension and speaking skills. We are always looking for new members with some knowledge of Italian language to join us at our monthly Language Group meeting, enjoy the camaraderie, the Italian cuisine, the value of vocabulary building and the practice of conversing in Italian. Contact joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org for location of our December 28 meet up, for more information about the upcoming schedule and becoming part of our language group for some fun with your fellow lodge brothers and sisters. Potential new group members are always welcome to join us!

ATTENZIONE !
Upcoming events... ..

The Christmas Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at Giardino Italian Restaurant located in the Kings Park Shopping Center at 8944 Burke Lake Road in Springfield. Giardino's founders, Tony and Julia, bring over 25 years of restaurant experience and authenticity from Palermo, Sicily to Northern Virginia, ensuring their dishes and service are presented with the utmost care and attention. So come and join your fellow IHLers for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, December 11th. Please email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net or call him at 703-354-2454 if you plan to attend so he may include you in the reservation.

State Past President and IHL member, Joseph Scafetta, with his wife Teresa, are advertising their 2020 Centennial Commemorative Calendar "1920 Women's Suffrage 2020" in this month issue. These calendars will make great Christmas gifts, teacher's gifts, gifts for your grandchildren and children, and business gifts as well as for stamp collectors. Please see the flyer/ order form at the end of the today's Newsletter. Print out and order today!

House of Mercy Food Drive - The House of Mercy was very grateful for the items that were collected throughout October and November at our meetings. Once again, IHL members displayed their extreme generosity in donating for this food pantry, especially during this time of year when we are all thankful for our bountiful blessings and look to be charitable to those who are not as fortunate as we are. IHL receives credit for these donations as part of our lodge fundraising. Grazie mille!

Joseph Scafetta and Joe La Marca have kindly sent information for inclusion in our newsletter of upcoming concerts and other Italian events worth noting:

Now through January 12, 2020 - Verrocchio: Sculptor & Painter of Renaissance Florence at the National Gallery of Art, West Building. "An exhibition of some 50 masterpieces in painting, sculpture and drawing by the artist-teacher whose pupils included Pietro Perugino and Leonardo da Vinci."

February 9 - Il Volo at the National Harbor, 7:30 p.m. (ticketmaster.com)

Festa di Natale - Saturday, December 14th - 6:00 p.m. Hoping that, before the holidays get too busy, this event is on your calendar. We love seeing our families, children and grandchildren enjoying one of IHL's most popular yearly events. A visit from Santa and his elf will always put a smile on a child's face and is always a perfect opportunity for mom and dad to take a picture with them on Santa's lap receiving a very special gift. This is also the perfect opportunity for us to show our children the true meaning of Christmas - love and compassion - as we continue our tradition of donating toys to the children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. Our well received "Christmas Cookie" fundraiser returns so make your list of recipients for this year's home baked goodies to give....or keep. More information, including RSVP details, is on the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Festa di Natale Checklist

- ✓ Email Colette by December 7th to
RSVP for children*
- ✓ RSVP to Colette for our Catered Meal
By December 7th*
- ✓ Bring an unwrapped toy (\$10 or less)
for Hospital for Sick Children*
- ✓ Rehearse Christmas Carols to sing*
- ✓ Get excited for a special Visitor*



Our Education Chair and Director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, is announcing her Winter semester offering classes at various locations and for levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced Italian language, which includes Reading and "Movie Time" this semester. As Elisabetta notes "Italian is more fun when we are together", so please contact her at elisabettalazarte@gmail.com or 703-887-1995 to inquire about the upcoming Winter semester, registration information and future language programs and schedules.

We are coming up on our deadline for the Grand Lodge of Virginia OSDIA Scholarships awarded by the Virginia OSIA Foundation - the time will be here before you know it. April 1, 2020 is the deadline for submitting applications for the three Scholarships available: Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarship, Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship and John .F Asiello Scholarship - each at \$1,000. An applicant must be a United States citizen of Italian heritage, by parent, grandparent or great-grandparent and is not required to be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copy and download the application, which is good for all of the above scholarships, at vaosia.org and click on SCHOLARSHIPS.

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1920 Women's Suffrage 2020



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- Back cover has a brief history of U.S. women's suffrage.

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**IHL WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER
FOR OUR NATIONAL CHARITIES
2019 DONATION FORM**

There is still time to get your donations in !

A primary function of the Italian Heritage Lodge (IHL) of Fairfax is to act as a fraternal organization to benefit our community. One of the ways we accomplish this each year is to donate funds to three specific charities ---- Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's, and Autism. This year, our members participated in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on **Saturday, October 19, 2019** at the Harris Pavilion in Old Town Manassas, 9201 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia as a fundraiser for these charities. The ceremony began at **9:30 a.m.** and the Walk began at **10:00 a.m.** We ask that you donate \$10, \$20 or whatever you can afford to support these worthy causes. All funds collected will be donated through the Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), to one of the above-mentioned charities. After the walk we met for lunch at the Bella Vita Italian Restaurant located at 9675 Liberia Avenue, Manassas VA 20110.

Make checks payable to the Virginia OSDIA Foundation with a mention in the memo line as for which charity/charities the donation is designated. 100% of the funds collected will be forwarded to the Virginia OSDIA Foundation. Please mail your fully tax deductible contributions to:

**Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
C/O Eleanor Lillo
5104 Colebrook Place
Alexandria, Virginia 22312**

Keep a copy of the form below as your receipt. I want to thank you in advance for your generosity and your support for our charitable causes.

Grazie mille,

Dawn Falsinotti, President, IHL

Receipt: Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

Cooley's Anemia	_____	Amount	_____
Alzheimer's	_____	Amount	_____
Autism	_____	Amount	_____
Date:			



**ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
FESTA DÙ NATALE
DECEMBER 14, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.**

This year's *Festa di Natale* is Saturday evening, December 14, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. For the younger attendees, the program will include a reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and all can join in as we sing Christmas carols. There will also be a special visitor from the North Pole.

It is **especially important** that you call in your reservation since Santa Claus will be making a surprise visit with a present for each child 12 and under. Members who are bringing children 12 and under are asked to RSVP to provide the name, gender, and age of the child, no later than **December 7, 2019**.

CATERED DINNER: This year will see a change from our pot luck – our holiday meal will be a delicious selection of homemade and catered foods (from Mama Lucia's) and will include chicken, sausage and peppers, eggplant parmigiana, baked pasta, roasted vegetables, salad, and bread. Baked pasta and a selection of pizzas will be on the children's menu (for those 12 and under). Wine and beverages will be provided, including homemade eggnog as well as a hot chocolate bar.

GIVE A GIFT: In keeping with the giving spirit of the holiday, members have the opportunity to participate in the following: each child or any other member or guest attending the meeting is invited to bring and place under the tree an unwrapped gift costing not more than \$10.00. The hospital, where the gifts will be taken, has requested that the gifts not be wrapped as they cannot give the children gifts without inspecting them. The gifts brought to the party will be taken to the Hospital for Sick Children the following week.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER: If you were in attendance last year, you will remember that our Trustee Nancy Perrelli offered her home baked goodies and sweets festively packaged for Christmas gifts. This fundraiser was not only successful for our lodge but was also very popular. We welcome her and our sponsors again for this year's Christmas party.

COSTS AND RSVP: The dinner costs will be \$10.00 per person and free for children age 12 and under. Please RSVP to Colette Sciscilo by December 7th at colette.sciscilo@gmail.com We must know the age, name and gender of the child 12 and under that will attend as well as the number of people attending for \$10.00 each for the Christmas dinner.

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